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## **RE:** WSDOT Stormwater Permit – Geographic Scope

Dear Jay,

We are writing to concur with Puget Soundkeeper Alliance that the Washington State Department of Transportation Statewide Stormwater Permit should cover the entire state.

Highway construction and use is a high intensity activity with significant pollution and potential adverse impacts on water quality in *any* location – not just in Phase I or Phase II areas.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to continuing to work with you on the upcoming large stormwater permits. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (206) 382-7007.

Sincerely,

Heather Trim Urban Bays Coordinator

Cc: Josh Baldi, Dept of Ecology Sue Joerger, Puget Soundkeeper